

April 21, 1942.

Colonel H. C. Brenzier,
Camp Upton, New York.

Dear Colonel Brenzier:

Private Joe Louis Barrow has kindly consented to throw out the ball at the Opening Game of the Negro National Baseball League Sunday, May 3, 1942. The game is to be played in Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J. at One O'Clock P. M. between The Newark Eagles and The Homestead Grays.

On the basis of past attendance, we expect at least 15,000 Negroes to be present this day. At a time like this when morale is so important, we believe the presence of Private Louis will be of great inspirational value.

It is planned that the City of Newark, N. J. make a presentation of a token of appreciation to him.

We realize that permission must be obtained by his Commanding Officer, and we are therefore requesting this permission be granted by you, in order that Army regulations may be complied with.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

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